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## **DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: BOARD OF DENTISTRY & DENTAL HYGIENE

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Second-Floor Conference Room A, Cannon Building

APPROVED: May 11, 2012

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Blair Jones, DMD, Professional Member, President
John Lenz, DDS, Professional Member, Secretary
Neil McAneny, DDS, Professional Member
Thomas Cox, DDS, Professional Member
Robert Director, DDS, Professional Member
Joan Madden, RDH, Professional Hygiene Member (left at 5:51)
Cheryl Calicott-Trawick, Public Member (left at 5:51)
Bernadette Evans, Public Member (2:30 – 5:51)
Bonnie Thomas, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member (2:45 – 5:51)
Debra Bruhl, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member (left at 5:51)
Buffy Parker, RDH, Hygiene Advisory Member (2:45 – 5:51)

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Nathaniel Gibbs, Public Member

## **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General Michele Howard, Administrative Specialist II Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III Kay Warren, Deputy Director

### **PUBLIC PRESENT**

Dr. Benjamin Gilbert (2:05 – 2:45) Christopher Iacono Matt Baran (3:27 – 4:15)

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Jones called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the February 10, 2012 Board meeting. Dr. Director made a motion, seconded by Dr. McAneny, to approve the minutes of the Board meeting as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to amend the agenda to add item 6.6 "Request for Exception to Licensure Requirements – Dr. David A. Beebe". The motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

## PROPOSAL TO DENY HEARING - DR. BENJAMIN GILBERT - 2:15 P.M.

**BOARD PRESENT:** Dr. Blair Jones, Dr. John Lenz, Dr. Neil McAneny, Dr. Robert Director, Dr.

Thomas Cox, Joan Madden, Cheryl Calicott-Trawick, Debra Bruhl,

Bernadette Evans

**PRESIDING**: Dr. Blair Jones, President

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General

**BOARD STAFF**: Michele Howard, Administrative Specialist II

Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

**RESPONDENT:** Dr. Benjamin Gilbert, III

**RESPONDENT'S COUNSEL:** n/a

**RESPONDENT'S WITNESSES:** n/a

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Christopher Iacono

**COURT REPORTER**: Juli Labadia, Wilcox and Fetzer

The hearing began at 2:23 p.m. The court reporter took verbatim testimony. DAG Patricia Davis-Oliva and the Board members introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Davis-Oliva questioned, and Dr. Gilbert confirmed that he was aware of his right to legal representation, and chose to proceed without counsel. Ms. Davis-Oliva entered the following Board Exhibits:

## Board's Exhibit 1 Documents Submitted with Licensure Application, including:

- 1998 Form 1099-Misc from Pennsylvania BlueShield for Benjamin F Gilbert DDS
- 2002 Form 1099-Misc from Canada Life Group Insurance for Gilbert Dental Ctr
- 2008 Form 1099-Misc from County of Montgomery Controller's Office for Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2010 Form 1099-Misc from Delta Dental of Minnesota for Gilbert Dental Center PC

#### <u>Board's Exhibit 2</u> <u>Letter from Board to Dr. Gilbert Dated 11/16/11</u>

## <u>Board's Exhibit 3</u> <u>Response from Dr. Gilbert Received 12/14/11, including:</u>

- Letter from Dr. Gilbert to Board Dated 12/13/11
- Articles of Incorporation for Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2008 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of PA to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2008 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Insurance Co to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2008 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of CA to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2008 Form 1099-Misc from Dental Benefit Providers Inc to Gilbert Benjamin F
- 2010 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of NY to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2009 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of PA to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2009 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental Insurance Co to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2009 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of CA to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2009 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of NY to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2009 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of PA to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2009 Form 1099-Misc from Dental Benefit Providers Inc to Benjamin F Gilbert III
- 2010 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of PA to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2010 Form 1099-Misc from Aetna Life Insurance Co to Benjamin F Gilbert III
- 2010 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental Insurance Co to Gilbert Dental Center PC

## PROPOSAL TO DENY HEARING - DR. BENJAMIN GILBERT - 2:15 P.M. (CONTINUED)

#### Board's Exhibit 3 (CONTINUED)

- 2010 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental of CA to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2010 Combined Tax Statement from Delta Dental Insurance Co to Gilbert Dental Center PC
- 2010 Form 1099-Misc from Blue Cross of CA to Benjamin F Gilbert III
- 2010 Form 1099-Misc from Dental Benefit Providers Inc to Benjamin F Gilbert III
- 2010 Form 1099-Misc from First Commonwealth of Missouri to Benjamin F Gilbert

Board's Exhibit 4 Letter from Board to Dr. Gilbert Dated 12/20/11 & Certified Receipt Confirmation

<u>Board's Exhibit 5</u> <u>PTD Letter from Board to Dr. Gilbert Dated 1/20/12 & Certified Receipt Confirm</u>

<u>Board's Exhibit 6</u> <u>Request for PTD Hearing from Dr. Gilbert Dated 1/26/12</u>

Board's Exhibit 7 PTD Hearing Notice to Dr. Gilbert Dated 2/7/12 & Certified Receipt Confirmation

Dr. Gilbert was sworn in by the court reporter. Dr. Gilbert presented the following for the Board's consideration:

Respondent's Exhibit 1 Newspaper articles and 11 letters of reference

Respondent's Exhibit 2 3 years of tax returns

Dr. Gilbert gave testimony. The Board Members questioned Dr. Gilbert, and Dr. Gilbert responded.

The Board went off the record at 2:37 p.m. to deliberate.

The Board went back on the record at 2:42 p.m. Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to approve the dentist licensure of Dr. Benjamin Gilbert III. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 2:43 p.m.

## PUBLIC HEARING - RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING SUPERVISION - 3:15 P.M.

**BOARD PRESENT:** Dr. Blair Jones, Dr. John Lenz, Dr. Neil McAneny, Dr. Robert Director, Dr. Thomas

Cox, Joan Madden, Cheryl Calicott-Trawick, Bernadette Evans, Debra Bruhl,

Bonnie Thomas, Buffy Parker

**PRESIDING**: Dr. Blair Jones, President

**BOARD STAFF**: Michele Howard, Administrative Specialist II

Sandra Wagner, Administrative Specialist III

**BOARD COUNSEL:** Patricia Davis-Oliva, Deputy Attorney General

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** Christopher Iacono

**COURT REPORTER**: Juli Labadia, Wilcox and Fetzer

**PURPOSE:** To Consider Public Comment Regarding Proposed Changes to the Board's Rules

and Regulations Governing Supervision

The court reporter took verbatim testimony. The Board members introduced themselves for the record. Ms. Davis-Oliva introduced herself and stated the purpose of the hearing. Ms. Davis-Oliva introduced the affidavits of publication from The News Journal and the Delaware State News as Board's Exhibit 1. Ms. Davis-Oliva stated that no written public comment was received by the Board office. There was no public comment.

The Board went off the record for deliberations at 3:20 p.m. The Board went back on the record at 3:21 p.m. Ms. Madden made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jones, to adopt the proposed amendments without revisions. The motion passed unanimously. The hearing concluded at 3:21 p.m.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Joint Sunset Committee

Dr. Jones reported that a Joint Sunset hearing has been scheduled for April 26, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in the JFC Hearing Room of Legislative Hall in Dover, Delaware.

## **Rules & Regulations**

Proof of Active Practice – Review Draft from Ms. Reardon

Practice Requirements for Dentists & Hygienists – Review Draft from Ms. Reardon

Amend Rules 6.7.2.1 and 6.11.2.1 (change March to May)

In Ms. Reardon's absence, these items were tabled until the next Board meeting, currently scheduled for May 11, 2012.

### List of Approved Continuing Education Providers for Website – Ms. Howard

Ms. Howard reviewed the draft list of approved continuing education providers for the Board. Dr. Director made a motion, seconded by Dr. McAneny, to propose an amendment to the Board's Rules & Regulations to include AGD-, CERP-, and PACE-approved programs under 6.5.1.1 and 6.9.4.1. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Howard will add these to the list of approved continuing education providers on the Board's website.

## Review Letter from Board to DHSS Regarding HB 144 – Dr. Jones

The Board reviewed the letter to DHSS regarding HB 144. Dr. Jones commented that the process was not progressing very quickly. There was no further discussion.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ratification of Licenses/Permits Issued by DPR Since Last Board Meeting

#### Dental Hygienist

Abbie D. Hopkins

Denise R. Maroney

Jeanne Marie Paolella

Lauren M. Vavala

#### Restricted Permit II

Puja Balchandani

MaryClare Kubasko

## <u>Unrestricted Permit – Individual</u>

Samuel C. Nwogu

Dr. Director made a motion, seconded by Dr. McAneny, to ratify the dental hygienist licensure of Abbie D. Hopkins, Denise R. Maroney, Jeanne Marie Paolella, and Lauren M. Vavala, the Restricted Permit II of Puja Balchandani and MaryClare Kubasko, and the Unrestricted Permit–Individual of Samuel C. Nwogu. The motion passed unanimously.

## Review of Applications for Licensure

## <u>Dentist Limited Program Director</u>

Susan M. Pugliese, Christiana Care Health System

Dr. Jones reviewed the application of Susan M. Pugliese prior to the Board meeting and recommended that the full Board review and consider the application. After discussion, Dr. McAneny made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to approve the Dentist Limited Program Director licensure of Susan M. Pugliese. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Dentist**

#### Jinwoo Park

Dr. Jones reviewed the dentist application of Jinwoo Park prior to the Board meeting and recommended that the full Board review and consider the application. After discussion, Dr. Director

made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madden, to approve the dentist licensure of Jinwoo Park. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Requests for CE Exceptions

## <u>Lisa Applegate – Medical Exemption</u>

The Board reviewed the request for a medical exemption of CE from Lisa Applegate. After discussion, Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to grant Ms. Applegate an extension thru 12/31/12 contingent upon a letter from her physician confirming her medical condition. The motion passed unanimously. A letter will be mailed to Ms. Applegate advising her of the Board's decision, and will include the contact information for ADHA and a reminder that licensees may earn a specific number of CE hours through online courses.

## <u>Dr. Cynthia Minsk – Medical Exception</u>

The Board reviewed the request for a medical exception of CE from Dr. Cynthia Minsk. After discussion, Dr. McAneny made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madden, to request an updated letter from Dr. Minsk's physician, certificates of completion for 50 online CEUs, and proof that she has an active CPR certification. Once the requested documentation is received, the Board will re-review Dr. Minsk's request for a medical exception of CE and make a final decision. The motion passed unanimously.

# <u>Dr. Jerome Kayatta – CE Adjustment Period</u>

The Board reviewed a letter from Dr. Jerome Kayatta stating his objection to the current continuing education period. Dr. Kayatta believes that the Board's recent change to its Rules and Regulations regarding the period for continuing education is unfair and that the Board should allow an adjustment period. After discussion, Dr. McAneny made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jones, to deny any requests for a CE adjustment period. The motion failed with Dr. Jones, Dr. McAneny, Dr. Director, and Dr. Cox in favor, and Ms. Calicott-Trawick, Dr. Lenz, Ms. Madden, Ms. Evans, Ms. Bruhl, and Ms. Thomas opposed. Ms. Parker abstained from the vote.

Ms. Calicott-Trawick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madden, to allow a CE adjustment period from March 1, 2012 through May 31, 2012. Any CE credit earned during the adjustment period may be credited towards either the 2010-2012 licensure period or the 2012-2014 licensure period. If a licensee is audited for the 2012-2014 licensure period, and requests CE credits for courses taken during the adjustment period (3/1/12 – 5/31/12), then the licensee must submit satisfactory proof (i.e. certificates of completion) for both the 2010-2012 licensure period as well as the 2012-2014 licensure period, so that the Board may confirm that credits earned during the adjustment period have not been duplicated. Dr. Director recommended adding a notice to the Board's website and noticing DSDS and DDHA. Ms. Warren stated that the Division will send an email to all licensees. The motion passed by a majority vote, with Dr. McAneny opposed.

## <u>Elect New Board Representative for DIDER - Dr. Lenz</u>

Dr. Lenz stated that he would like to step down as the Board's representative for DIDER and asked if any other professional Board Members would be interested in serving on DIDER. Dr. McAneny made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lenz, to elect Dr. Cox as the Board's new representative for DIDER. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board took a break at 3:48 p.m. and reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

After the break, Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madden, to enter Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. for an informal meeting with exam candidate, Matt Baran. The motion to enter Executive Session passed unanimously.

After meeting with Mr. Baran, the Board came out of Executive Session at 4:15 p.m. (Executive Session was held again at the end of the meeting.)

#### Consent Agreements

### Dr. Bruce Fay, Complaint 09-03-10 (Dr. Lenz recused)

Ms. Davis-Oliva read aloud the second Consent Agreement proposed between the State and Dr. Bruce Fay regarding complaint 09-03-10. After discussion, Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans, to accept the second Consent Agreement between the State and Dr. Bruce Fay. The motion passed by a majority vote with Ms. Calicott-Trawick, Dr. Cox, Dr. McAneny, Dr. Jones, Ms. Madden, and Ms. Evans in favor, Dr. Director opposed, and Dr. Lenz recusing himself from the vote.

## Dr. Marieve O. Rodriguez, Complaint 09-16-10 (Dr. Jones recused)

Ms. Davis-Oliva read aloud the second amended complaint and proposed Consent Agreement between the State and Dr. Marieve O. Rodriguez regarding complaint 09-16-10. Dr. Director stated that he had been contacted as a potential witness for the prosecution of Dr. Rodriguez's criminal case. Ms. Davis-Oliva questioned Dr. Director's knowledge of the case, and whether he felt he should recuse himself from the discussion and vote. Dr. Director stated he did not feel it was necessary to recuse himself based on his limited knowledge of the case. After discussion, Dr. Director made a motion to reject the Consent Agreement between the State and Dr. Marieve O. Rodriguez for being unduly harsh. After discussion, Dr. Director withdrew his motion. After further discussion, Ms. Madden made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans, to accept the Consent Agreement. The motion passed by a majority vote with Dr. Jones recusing himself.

## Request for Exception to Licensure Requirements – Dr. David A. Beebe

The Board reviewed the request from Dr. Beebe. After discussion, Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Ms. Evans, to deny Dr. Beebe's request for an exception to the dentist licensure requirements because the Board does not have the authority to waive the statutory requirements for licensure. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **COMPLAINT STATUS**

Complaint 09-15-11 (Jones)

Dr. Jones reported that Complaint 09-15-11 had been forwarded to the Attorney General's office.

Complaint 09-01-12

Complaint 09-02-12

Complaint 09-03-12

Complaint 09-04-12

Dr. Jones reported that he had been assigned as the Board Contact for Complaints 09-01-12, 09-02-12, 09-03-12, and 09-04-12.

## Complaint 09-05-12

Dr. Jones reported that Dr. Director had been assigned as the Board Contact for Complaint 09-05-12.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## Email from Dr. Jeffrey Cole Re AGD Transcripts

Dr. Jones summarized the email he received from Dr. Cole regarding the Board's reconsideration to accept AGD transcripts in lieu of certificates of completion. After discussion, the Board decided to invite Dr. Cole to the May 31st Board meeting for a presentation before the entire Board. Dr. Jones will contact Dr. Cole.

## OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (for discussion only) - None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. McAneny made a motion, seconded by Ms. Madden, to re-enter Executive Session at 5:28 p.m. to address the following:

- 1. Review of Clinical Revalidations by Temple University Dental Hygiene Exam
- 2. Review of Hygiene Exam Instructions Given During the Orientation Period Dr. McAneny

The motion to re-enter Executive Session passed unanimously. Executive Session ended at 5:49 p.m.

Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to approve the clinical revalidation by Temple University of the dental hygiene examination as amended without further review. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. McAneny, to approve the hygiene exam instructions given during the orientation period as amended without further review. The motion passed unanimously.

The hygienists and public members left the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. McAneny, to re-enter Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. The motion to re-enter Executive Session passed unanimously. The purpose of the Executive Session was to address the following:

- 1. Review of Clinical Revalidations by Temple University Dental Exam
- 2. Review of Dental Exam Instructions Given During the Orientation Period Dr. McAneny

Executive Session ended at 7:23 p.m.

Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to approve the clinical revalidation by Temple University of the dental examination as amended without further review. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to approve the dental exam instructions given during the orientation period as amended without further review. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be **Friday**, **May 11**, **2012**, **at 10:00 a.m.** at the **University of Delaware's Virden Center** located in **Lewes**, **DE** 

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Dr. Director, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. The motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Howard

Administrative Specialist II

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.